

REMARKS

A first response to the June 4th, 2003 Office Action was filed September 4th, 2003. However, in two Notices of Non-Compliant Amendment, both received October 8th, 2003, the Office advised that it did not accept the first response. Specifically, one of the Notices rejected the Amendment because a complete listing of the claims was not present (box 4.A.). The other Notice rejected the Amendment for that reason, and for the additional reasons that: (box 4.B) a listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (including withdrawn claims); and (box 4.C) each claim has not been provided with a status identifier.

It is not clear to applicant why two Notices of Non-Compliant Amendment were sent, nor which is controlling. Therefore, Applicant addresses this response to all the issues raised by both.

As to box 4.A., a complete listing of all the claims is now present in the Amendment above.

As to box 4.B, Applicant respectfully submits that the text of all claims has been submitted, except the text of those claims that are being cancelled. The text of claims which are being cancelled cannot be presented. 37 CFR 1.121, Revised Amendment Practice, Paragraph II.A.(4), (“ . . . text of the [cancelled] claim must not be presented . . . ” . As requested, we refer to <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf> -- Effective July 30, 2003, still current as of October 10, 2003).

As to box 4.C., Applicant has now provided above all status modifiers for all claims, in particular Claims 1-29.

In the June 4th, 2003 Office Action addressing the amendment filed November 8th, 2001, Claims 30-36 are pending and rejected. The Office Action further required changes in the title, priority claim, and abstract.



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PRIORITY

The specification has been amended to include a priority claim and to add appropriate patent numbers as required by the Examiner.

TITLE

The title has been amended as requested by the Examiner.

ABSTRACT

The abstract has been shortened as requested by the Examiner.

SECTION 112 REJECTIONS

Claims 30-36 were rejected under to 35 USC §112, first paragraph. Without agreeing or disagreeing with the Examiner's rejection, these claims have been canceled and new Claims 37-52 have been added.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 37-52 have been added and are believed to be allowable and fully supported by the specification.

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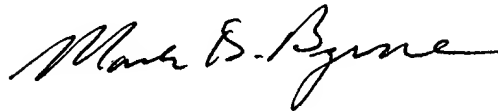
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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims 37-52.

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